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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)	Docket Number (Optional) 05899-00013-US
Application Number 09/914006-Conf. #7184	Filed January 7, 2002
For METHOD FOR MICROBIALLY PRODUCING L-VALINE	
Art Unit 1632	Examiner C. Fronda

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2004 in the above identified application. The response with a two month extension of time was originally due on September 5, 2004. September 5, 2004 was a Sunday. Monday September 6, 2004 was a holiday (Labor Day), when the Patent and Trademark Office was closed. This petition is timely filed on September 7, 2004, the next succeeding day the Patent and Trademark Office is open for business.

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[ ]	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	$1,480.00	$740.00	$
[ ]	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	$2,010.00	$1,005.00	$

[ ] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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[ ] assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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